



RICHFIELD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 18, 2023 at 9:30 am
Third Sunday after Pentecost



Bold = in unison

* Rise in body or spirit

ENTRANCE

Prelude "Sinfonia" [from: "Solomon"] by G. F. Handel

Welcome Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* Rev. Lynn Borgeson

How gracious is the Spirit of Christ!

The table of reconciliation is always before us.

How nourishing is the grace of God!

All who hunger for redemption are welcome to feast.

How liberating is the invitation of Love!

No barriers stand between us and the way of the Sacred.

Praise God, who restores life and lifts us from the pits of destruction.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

Centering Prayer

Holy One, though we seek to love, still we fail one another. We get stuck in our guilt. We hide in shame. But you, O God, do not send us away. You draw us closer, more deeply into the heart of Love where we are transformed. Whatever burdens of regret we bear, may we hear and receive your eternal invitation to embrace the grace that sets us free. To make amends. To heal. To reconcile. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

Loving God of all, renew our hearts and minds.
Reveal your wildest dreams, break through to each of us.
Unite us in your vision, equip us for your work.
Transform us by your song, create our harmony.
May we embrace your future, and be your loving church. Amen.

Please join your church in praying the Breakthrough Prayer daily at 8:35.

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a mutual sign of peace.

Sacrament of Baptism John “Jack” Finney Harvieux
Child of Kristen Finney & Daniel Harvieux

Members of the household of God, I commend John “Jack” Finney Harvieux to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

Child of God, by water and the Spirit, we welcome you into God’s new creation. May you and we learn from one another, share in the love of Jesus, and grow in faith as the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate the moments this week where your life’s journey met God’s heart.

Celebration Music “Meditation from *Thais*” by J. Massenet
Catherine Carson, violin
Groth Scholarship recipient
Catherine Rodland, accompanist

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading John 21:15-25 Rev. Lynn Borgeson

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of the People

The LORD's Prayer

Faith, Justice, and Joy as the Church

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory “Introduction and Tarantella” by Sarasate
Catherine Carson, violin
Groth Scholarship recipient
Catherine Rodland, accompanist

Doxology*

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Gratitude*

We worship you, O God, with gladness. We are your people. Your love endures forever. You have been faithful to all generations. As witness to this faith which we claim, we boldly give money for ministry which changes people's lives in your holy name. We give because we know the amazing ways this church makes a difference in the community and around the world. With joy in our hearts, we give and sing joyfully. Halleluiah! Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn*

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
vs. 1 and 4

UM Hymnal 381

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Benediction*

...And until we meet again, let us live...
in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.

Postlude

"Fanfare"

by J. Lemmens



**Worship is over. Service begins.
Go forth as Richfield United Methodist Church.**

We celebrate this morning the baptism of John "Jack" Finney Harvieux, son of Kristen Victoria Finney and Daniel Lester Harvieux. Sponsors are Matthew and Rina Harvieux. Sibling is Roger Finney Harvieux.

The quilt presented to Jack was created by Common Threads as a reminder of our communal call to live our baptismal vows.

Welcome Groth Scholarship recipient Catherine Carson! Catherine will be a senior at Eastman Conservatory of Music in Rochester, NY. She will be studying violin performance and is a graduate of Shattuck St. Mary's and Northfield High School.

Hello, guests! Welcome to worship as Richfield UMC. It's a big step to come to a new church and we're glad you're here. If you have questions, please ask any church member, and we hope you have a good experience.

RICHFIELD UMC NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, June 18, 2023

Summer Worship Series: “So Many Questions!” Continues Hybrid: In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online

This popular series returns and is based on your submitted questions about God, faith, church, life, and the Bible. We are blessed to be a church where questions are welcome. This year’s “So Many Questions” topics are:

June 18-Will the Bible ever change? July 30-What does the Bible say about heaven?
June 25-What makes a Methodist? August 6-What does the Bible say about hell?
July 16-What is prayer for? August 20-Why is forgiveness hard?
July 23-How do I put faith into action? August 27-Why are Christians hypocrites?

Vacation Bible Camp: Hero Hotline

June 26-30, 2023, at Lake Harriet UMC, 4901 Chowen Ave S, Minneapolis
Open to children pre-K-5th grade, with leadership opportunities available for children in 6th grade and above. Visit richfieldumc.org/ministries/children/ for all the details and registration information.

Sunday, July 2—Online-Only Worship

youtube.com/richfieldumc or 888.650.5835

As announced in February, the Administrative Board affirmed holding online-only worship with no in-person option on Sunday, July 2, 2023 (Independence Day weekend)

Summer Movie Nights

Wednesdays in July, Movies start at 5pm, bring your dinner and eat during the movie. We’ll have snacks too! Great family fun!

July 5: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

2022 PG 1 hour, 42 minutes
Universal Pictures

July 19: The Bad Guys

2022 PG 1 hour, 40 minutes
Universal Pictures

July 12: An American Tail

1986 G 1 hour, 20 minutes
Universal Pictures

July 26: Honey, I Shrunk the Kids

1989 PG 1 hour, 33 minutes
Disney

Coffee with the Pastor—9:00 am-12:00 pm, most Tuesdays this summer

Sign up: calendly.com/natemelcher

Pastor Nate is meeting with church members like you all summer long to check-in, reconnect, and pray. Sign up with the calendar link (if you cannot go online, please call the office) for a meeting at Caribou Coffee (6545 Lyndale Avenue S., Richfield, MN 55423). Your drink is on Pastor Nate!

Outdoor Summer Worship Series: “I AM: God, Simon, and Garfunkel”

In-Person Only, various times and locations

In three outdoor in-person worship services, Pastor Nate preaches sermons inspired by a scripture passage and a Simon & Garfunkel song performed by the Living Waters Band led by Victor Zupanc. The remaining two Summer Second Sundays outdoors:

July 9 - Lake Harriet Bandshell at 10:00 am

Please note the special start time for the Lake Harriet Bandshell.

[4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy, Minneapolis](#) (parking: paid lots or free on street)

August 13 - Richfield Bandshell at 9:30 am

[636 East 66th Street](#) Richfield (free parking at Ice Arena)

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read

July 10 (note: 2nd Monday due to holiday) - The Lost Apothecary by Sara Kenner
Contact Fern Albertson, wfalbertson@gmail.com, to get connected.

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

Contact Molly Reko, mollyreko@comcast.net, to get connected.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study

Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group

Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

Families with Young Children are always welcome in worship!

Here are some options to help your family have a good experience when worshipping.
The Nook - A space connected to the Sanctuary perfect for having a quiet or wiggly moment in a sensory friendly environment.

Art Cart - Children can use items from the cart while worshipping in the Nook or can fill a bag with items to take into the sanctuary during worship

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them at the front of the sanctuary. Parent/guardians are welcome to join too.

Sunday School - September -May

Nursing Mothers - You may nurse wherever you like. There is also a reserved Nursing Room available near the Library area.

An Everyday Prayer Life Is for Everyone

May we devote time and energy to God and neighbor and pray every day for:

- Open minds and hearts for "conflux moments."
- People in need of a loving church home.
- Our church's journey toward vitality.

Our prayers are a beautiful expression of care and solidarity for each other.

We pray in celebration:

- * David and Dortha Doty's 50th wedding anniversary on June 23rd.

We pray with gratitude.

We pray for those who are ill: Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Jane Parry, Agnes Danzl, Ann E. Butler, niece of David and Mary Martha Butler, Lee Weiser and Richard, Jim Vetsch, SuzAnn Tarvin, Pat Robertson, and Terry and Tim Bumgarner.

We pray for those who seek comfort.

We pray for those who grieve:

- * The family and friends of Connie Gillespie who died June 11, especially daughters, Caroline and Susan.
- * Tom Mueller and family in the death of Tom's brother, Dave.

We pray for our neighbors and for all in the RUMC community.

Please call the church office to be included in any of the prayers of our church.

This Week's Calendar

The church office/Campus is open Tues.-Thurs., 8am-4pm.
The Church Library is open when the campus is open.

Sunday, June 18, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

Monday, June 19, 2023

Juneteenth
Campus Closed

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

9:00 am CFC Children's Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Friday, June 23, 2023

Saturday, June 24, 2023

8:30 am Men's Group
10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, June 25, 2023

9:30 am Worship Service
(+Live streamed & archived)

We thank those who help make this worship a ministry of grace:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Catherine Carson, Nancy Dierauer, Catherine Rodland

Liturgists: Rev. Lynn Borgeson, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Dale Olson, Rhonda Olson, Michele Wegscheid

Please let the church office know if you or someone from the church is hospitalized or immediately pre or post hospitalization. The pastoral care team is available to extend care and provide support in times of need. The Parish Minister for the week of June 18 is Gretta Thorson.

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